

MAKES REPLY TO CRITICISM

Chairman Payne Defends Committee's Methods and Says People Are the Judges.

Washington, Nov. 28.—"We are fully aware that the bill reported from the committee will be judged by the people, not in the light of view of those wise prophets or critics who are judging it in advance, but in the light of what will be learned from the bill itself and from an examination of the material before the committee."

In these words Sen. Payne, chairman of the house ways and means committee, replied to the letter from J. W. Van Cleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, criticizing the methods being pursued in revising the tariff. "Of course, if you have no information at your disposal which would aid the committee in the formation of a bill, I can understand your refusal to appear. If you have such information, I can not see why you do not accept the invitation which has been extended to you and which is still held out to you, should you reconsider your determination," concluded Mr. Payne.

In his letter to the chairman of the ways and means committee, which was in reply to an invitation to testify at the tariff hearings before the committee, Mr. Van Cleave says: "We would rather bear the ills of the Dingley tariff than to be a party to a tariff revision made in the old manner. To appear before you to plead for certain schedules would be to acquiesce in the superficial and unbusinesslike methods of investigation against which we protest. We have carefully watched all the statements that have been made by you and your associates in recent years, and instead of convincing us of the errors of our ways, we are more than ever convinced that your present plans of gathering information on which the readjustment is proposed to be based is wrong, radically, absurdly, fatally wrong."

Mr. Van Cleave set forth his views regarding an "expert, nonpartisan tariff commission," and claims it is impossible for the ways and means committee in the limited time at its disposal to make an inquiry which can furnish an adequate basis for any such tariff as the country demands.

There was little of interest brought out at the session of the committee, which was to finish up the hearing of the metal schedule. While automobiles are to be discussed fully at a later hearing, Charles Sherill of New York appeared for the Importers' Automobile salon, in favoring a reduction on the tariff for automobiles.

MUST OPEN PORTS

Uncle Sam Refuses to Recognize Haiti's Paper Blockade.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Haiti's "paper" blockade of the ports of Aquin and Jeremie, which the government admits its inability to make effective by force of arms, will not be recognized by the state department. Notice to this effect has been sent to American Minister Furniss at Port-au-Prince, who cabled that he had been notified that the ports declared blockaded also had been declared closed to commerce by Haitian authorities, who had also notified local steamship agents that merchandise for them must be landed at the capital. Acquiescence in this, the minister said, would seriously affect American firms which have sold to houses shipping through Aquin and Jeremie. At neither place, Mr. Furniss says, has the government sufficient force to maintain a blockade.

Can Not Locate Heir.

Columbus, O., Nov. 28.—Twenty thousand dollars is the value of an estate that awaits Member Webb, supposed to be a resident of Columbus. Mayor Bond received a communication from J. H. Roberts stating that a relative of Member Webb had died at Oxford, N. C., and left the estate to him, and he may claim the entire estate if he will put in his appearance. It is said Webb came to Columbus several years ago, but now no one seems to be able to locate him.

Deputy Postmaster Disappears. Wabash, Ind., Nov. 28.—Claude Stitt, deputy postmaster, has disappeared, and an investigation of his accounts has been made. The officials announce that there is a shortage of \$2,622.

Salem to Buy Water Plant. Salem, O., Nov. 28.—The citizens of Salem at a special election have decided to issue \$131,000 in bonds for the purchase of the Salem water plant. The vote was 86 to 421.

SON KILLS FATHER WHILE HUNTING

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Nov. 28.—While out hunting David Shields, a farmer, was instantly killed by his son, twenty years old. The boy was climbing a fence, when his gun was discharged in his father's back.

LOGAN'S LICK.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Baker, of Lexington, are guests of relatives in this vicinity.

Charlie Lockman sold to L. C. Haggin, of Lexington, his famous race mare, Edith B., which has won several good races this season, for \$2,500.

Mr. Frank Beachum, of Lexington, is visiting the family of J. L. Witt.

Mr. Will Henderson and Miss Lizzy Fox were married at the home of the bride, Tuesday at two o'clock. We wish them a long and happy life.

J. W. Berryman sold to Lockman and Baker, of Lexington, a family horse for \$250.

J. W. Davis was in our midst, this week, prospecting for coal oil. His home is at Covington.

Miss Mary Haggard, of Lexington, is the guest of the family of W. M. Todd.

Mr. Waller Powell will return to his farm from Winchester, January 1.

Accident Ends in Death.

Columbus, O., Nov. 28.—Edward Shirey, 45, a wealthy farmer near Harrisburg, is dead at St. Francis hospital, the result of a hunting accident Nov. 16, and his wife is prostrated from the shock. It was said that she might not live to attend the funeral, which will be held Monday. While stooping over to pick up a rabbit on his farm, Mr. Shirey accidentally shot himself in the leg. Although the wound was not considered dangerous, blood poisoning developed. The man was brought to St. Francis hospital and the leg was amputated, but too late to save his life.

THREATENED WITH DEATH

Russia's Representative in Rudowicz Case Gets Anonymous Letter.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—William C. Rigby, of counsel for the Russian government in the extradition case against Christian Rudowicz read in court a letter threatening his life unless he dropped the prosecution and left Chicago. The missive was anonymous. The Russian government alleged that Rudowicz is wanted for murder, while the latter's defense presented to United States Commissioner Foote is that the murder charge is a pretext to get him back to Russia to be tried for a political offense.

Wooster Recovers Bonus.

Wooster, O., Nov. 28.—Massillon people settled with the city of Wooster for \$17,000, a claim the city has been pressing for cash advanced for the construction here of a glass factory. The American Bottle company absorbed the concern here in 1904 and suit for recovery of part of the bonus was filed a year later.

THE MEAT OF IT.

Jean Albert Gaudy, the French sculptor, is dead at his home in Paris.

M. C. Crandall of Reynolds, Ill., dropped dead at Madison, Ind.

Charles Leonard, who stole a \$40,000 sample case at Council Bluffs, Ia., was given a three-year sentence on his plea of guilty.

The Swift Packing company's plant in Kansas City was damaged to the extent of \$8,000 by fire.

Plans have been completed for the new headquarters of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at Cleveland, O. The building is to cost \$1,000,000.

NO POLITICS IN CITY GOVERNMENT.

Mayor Clarence E. Wood of Richmond Thinks Government Should Be Non-Partisan.

Mayor Clarence E. Wood, of Richmond was in town Saturday. Mayor Woods is an ardent supporter of his home city and is interested in its upbuilding. He is a firm believer in the doctrine that there should be no politics in city affairs. Mayor Woods said:

"I do not think there should be any party in the government of a city like Richmond. The good citizens should get together and elect business men who will give the city a good administration. I am a Democrat but when some of my friends and associates wanted to call a primary of the party to nominate a city ticket, I used my influence against it."

BEACH HARGIS TAKEN TO ESTILL COUNTY.

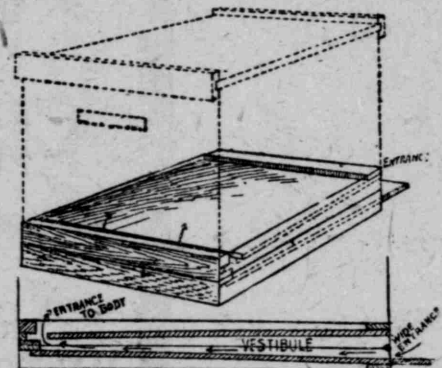
BEATTYVILLE, Ky., Nov. 28.—Beech Hargis, son and slayer of Judge James Hargis, passed through this place yesterday in charge of the Sheriff and the Jailer of Breathitt county, enroute to the Estill county jail, where he will be kept under confinement until the trial. Young Hargis appeared in good spirits and talked freely about his trouble while here.



A DOUBLE HIVE-BOTTOM.

Would Prove a Good Arrangement for Winter Protection.

The drawing illustrates a combination of two bottom boards used as a preventive against cold drafts, bees flying on cold sunny days, suffocation from having the entrance clogged with dead bees or ice, and spring robbing. This combination is made of my old bottom-board and a new one having its floor loose (both are the standard 10A Danzenbaker style, which can be used singly if this experiment fails). The loose floor is shoved along until it projects about 1/4-inch beyond one end of the new bottom. This projection is sawed off



Double Bottom-Board to Prevent the Entrance from Becoming Clogged in Winter.

and reinserted in the place where it was shoved from, which gives us a plan to make the entrance from the lower bottom. The strip is fastened tight, and the loose floor is shoved forward, making an opening any width, and mouse-proof is desired. The opening between the sawed-off strip and under the back of the hive is closed perfectly by using a piece of one of the cross-sticks left out from an R cover. At the beginning of the swarming season, continues the writer in Bee Culture, I will remove the upper bottom, leaving only the lower one with its wide entrance.

The benefits that could be derived from such a board are, I think, many—first, cold drafts in early spring prevent the spreading of brood to the lower part of the hive. This is overcome by the large vestibule formed between the two bottoms (this point is not an experiment). Second, to take away the direct vision of light during cold, sunny days prevents bees from being lured out to get chilled and die. The vestibule also answers for this purpose. Third, robbing can be prevented by bewildering the robbers; therefore when robbers make a rush past the first opening, and find themselves not in the hive, they act strangely bewildered. The guards notice this strange performance and promptly set upon them. Fourth, a bottom having such a wide opening at the front and a wide narrow entrance to the hive could not very well be clogged with dead bees or ice.

FATTENING TURKEYS.

Suggestions as to the Right Methods to Pursue.

The necessity for having turkeys in good, plump condition before marketing, is pretty generally understood among farmers. But there is considerable misunderstanding as to the correct way to go about the matter.

Turkeys, if taken right, are easily fattened; in fact, easier than most other fowls. But one must go at it in the right way. If turkeys have had free range all summer, you cannot fatten them with any satisfaction in an inclosure. The change will cause them to fret and refuse to eat and thus you will lose instead of gain. Teach them to come up every evening at least, and then stuff them with all they will possibly eat. You will soon find them ranging at short distances only and coming up even between feeding times.

Don't try to fatten the turkeys on corn alone, says the Northwestern Agriculturist. A close diet of new corn often results in bowel troubles for the turkeys just as it does for hogs, and a sick turkey is usually a dead turkey. Mix the fattening ration; variety is desirable for several reasons. Equal parts of wheat, oats and corn make a good ration. Be sure and give them all they will eat of these grains, and to hurry matters along, it is desirable to give an occasional mash feed of equal parts of corn meal and wheat middlings which makes a very rich feed, especially if a quantity of ground beef scrap or green cut bone is added. As the turkey takes on fat, the flesh turns to a rich golden color. If allowed free range while the fattening process is going on, the flesh gains in flavor and tenderness in a way it can not if the birds were fattened in close quarters.

Good Disinfectant.

A good disinfectant is made by putting a few drops of carbolic acid in a gallon of water. This can be used in a pump sprayer, or if you haven't one, use a sprinkler. Be sure to get it into every crack and crevice of the house, so it will kill all the lice and mites.

The Table Scraps.

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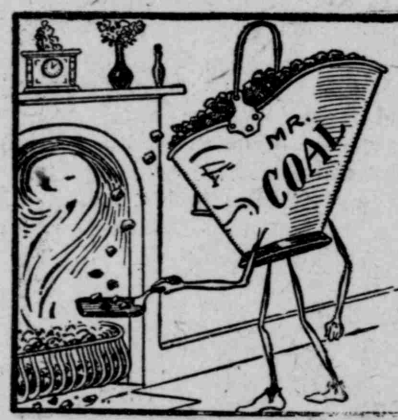
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Bacteria in Bocks.

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Marital Missiles.

At a Lynn (Mass.) wedding recently bright new coins were thrown after the departing bride and groom. This is a decided improvement on the rice and old shoe method of wishing good luck to the departing pair.

CENSURES PASTOR

Lamphere Says Spiritual Adviser Did Not Play Fair With Him.

Michigan City, Ind., Nov. 28.—Ray Lamphere, while en route to this city, where he begins an indeterminate sentence for arson, made a significant remark to Sheriff Smutzer, who accompanied him to the inner gate of the prison.

For some time it has been understood that Lamphere made a confession to Dr. E. A. Schell, president of Iowa Wesleyan university, Mount Pleasant, Ia., who last spring was pastor of the First Methodist church in this city, and although Prosecutor Smith endeavored to secure Dr. Schell's presence here during the trial, he was unsuccessful. The confession was made by Lamphere to Dr. Schell as his spiritual adviser. Lamphere said that he thought Dr. Schell had not played fair with him by allowing the fact that he (Lamphere) had made a confession to become known.

Birds Foresaw Storm.

A German officer describes in the Rote Kreuz a curious scene he witnessed on a ride in southwest Africa. A number of vultures, eagles and other large birds suddenly gathered on the trees at one place. A few dark clouds were visible, and ere long there was a violent tropical storm. The water penetrated into holes in the ground, from which presently emerged large numbers of snakes, scorpions and mice, and these the birds pounced upon and devoured.

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